MODIS sensor Working Group (MsWG) Summary

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Scheduled Items

Band 26 Striping:

- Detector 10 (product order) shows highest degree of striping. Detectors 9 and 1 show a lesser effect.
- Night data shows little or no striping only a 3-5 DN fluctuation.
- Striping was seen in Band 26 early on-orbit, with the initial ITWK/VDET setting of 79/190 as well as with the later setting of 79/110.
- Pre-launch data shows Detector 9 as having slightly different non-linearity at low radiance only.
- We use m1_unscreened values for Band 26 L1B processing. Typical radiances are closer to SD radiance with screen closed.

Solar Diffuser Analysis:

- Analysis of Solar Diffuser data supports the idea that Band 26 detectors are non-linear. The m1_screened value is higher than m1_unscreened for all detectors, indicating non-linearity. Striping could result from channel-to-channel differences in non-linearity. The m1_screened/m1_unscreened ratio for other bands is close to 1
- The m1_screened/m1_unscreened ratio shows Detector 9 (2 on plot) as having the highest degree of non-linearity, but not enough to explain the degree of striping.
- An offset term is not supported by the data.
- The m1_screened/m1_unscreened ratio for A-side electronics (with higher VDET) shows similar variations, but the ratio is closer to 1.

SRCA Analysis:

- Note: Left edges of band positions shown on plots correspond to center of detector.
- SRCA tests seem to show crosstalk from Band 7 into Band 26 but apparent crosstalk magnitude would not result in observed relative detector response.

- Detector 9 has a response different from other detectors. Is "ringing" temporal or spatial in nature?
- Origin of negative signals is unknown. The subtracted value, dn_dark (~6 DN), is the space-view-subtracted average of SRCA sector ends, outside of the SRCA port. Sector rotation observations do not show scattered light in the SRCA sector.
- SBRS suggests comparing SRCA crosstalk with SpMA.
- The thermal IR test shows response of only about 5 DN.
- Other analyses in progress show crosstalk from Band 26 into Band 24.

Moeller:

- Cloud observations in Band 26 are all at the low signal end. If we must make a tradeoff, it would be better to optimize low-end response at the expense of higher-radiance response.
- Crosstalk from Band 7 merits further investigation and may explain why Earth surface features are sometimes seen in Band 26 even when there is dense cloud cover.

Action 0105-01: Are there any significant differences between channels in Band 26 RSR?

Platnick and Vermote will meet with MCST staff at a later date to go over Band 26 striping analysis in detail.

Around the Table

Biggar: Will be away next week.

SBRS: Has been discussing the system-level FM-1 SD test with the program office.

MCST: Will continue SRCA data analysis, derive a set of crosstalk correction coefficients and test with real Earth scenes.

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